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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION

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1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (Design Utility) entitled:2. (Complete) Title: PICKED-UP-SOUND REPRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. Abstract 1 page(s).4. 72 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. Specification in non-English language6. 21 Numbered claim(s); and7. Drawings: 15 sheet(s) 1 set informal; 8. formal of size: A4 11"9. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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11. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): attached; previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on _____12. This is a reissue of Patent No. _____13. See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 14 or 15.)14. **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line -- This is a Continuation-in-Part
 Divisional Continuation Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:14(a) National Appln. No. / filed ... (M#)14(b) International Appln. No. PCT/ filed _____ which
designated the U.S., and that International Application was was not published
under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--15. **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line: --This application
claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/____, filed ____ --16. Extension to date: concurrently filed not needed previously filed17. Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)17(a) Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not
essential to make claim)17(b) See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

18. Prior application is assigned to

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19. Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) **(Double check instructions for accuracy.):**
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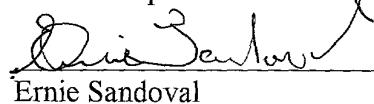
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